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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Y-Class Submarine Production

1. Since 22 May 1969, one Y-class submarine has been launched, bringing the total to nine or ten units launched to date.

2. The Y-class construction program began at Severodvinsk in 1964 and nine units have been launched there. Eight Y-class units are on the assembly ways there at any one time. As one unit is launched, assembly begins on another. It takes about 18 months to assemble each unit.

3. Construction of Y-class submarines is also underway at a yard in the Soviet Far East and one unit probably has been launched from this yard. This unit is included in the total given by Secretary Laird. Three or four units could be on the assembly ways at this yard. It takes about 24 months to assemble each unit here.

4. A total of six to eight Y-class units can be launched each year for the next few years.

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